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Application Deadline for Indiana's Teaching Scholarships is Approaching

Indiana Higher Education Commission urges students to complete applications by January 31

(INDIANAPOLIS)— The Indiana Commission for Higher Education encourages all aspiring educators who plan to teach in Indiana to explore Indiana's four scholarship opportunities—Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship, Next Generation Hoosier Minority Educators Scholarship, Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities, and Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields.

Students must act quickly as the deadline for these scholarships is January 31. All four financial aid opportunities are applied for at ScholarTrack.IN.gov.

"Indiana educators have a critical role in ensuring Hoosier students are prepared for the workforce and postsecondary education," said Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery. "These opportunities will encourage more students to pursue a career in education in Indiana, creating a more diverse pipeline of educators in our state."

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship provides top-performing high school and college students interested in pursuing a career in education the opportunity to earn a renewable scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 total). In exchange, students agree to teach for five years at an eligible Indiana school or repay the corresponding, prorated amount of the scholarship. The Commission will review all applications and notify applicants of their scholarship status via email by April 2024.

"I applied to the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship because of the opportunities it opened for me," said Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship recipient Morgan Castleman. "I wanted to become a teacher and with the help of this scholarship, I achieved my goal at an Indiana college. I was already planning to attend Ball State University, and upon my reception of this scholarship, I was one step closer to making my goal a reality. The scholarship allowed me to excel in school because of its financial support. Due to its support I was able to focus on my studies and get the most out of my classes in order to become the best teacher possible with the help of my professors at Ball State."



Morgan Castleman

To qualify for the scholarship, students must meet **one** of the following academic requirements:

- Rank in the top 20% of their high school graduating class OR
- Have a top 20th percentile score on the ACT (25) or SAT (1130) OR

Have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale

For instructions on how to apply, and for a full list of eligibility requirements, visit the website.

Questions and inquiries can be directed to NextTeacher@che.in.gov.

Next Generation Hoosier Minority Educators Scholarship

The Next Generation Hoosier Minority Educators Scholarship was created during the 2023 legislative session. The parallel scholarship provides Black and Hispanic or Latino recipients with up to \$10,000 per year (up to \$40,000 total) and shares the same requirements as the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship.

Students who are eligible for both the Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship and the Next Generation Hoosier Minority Educators Scholarship can only be selected for **one** of the awards.

Questions can be directed to NextTeacher@che.in.gov.

Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities

The <u>Earline S. Rogers Student Teaching Scholarship for Minorities</u> is available to minority students (defined as Black and Hispanic or Latino individuals) who plan to participate in student teaching or a school administration internship as part of their degree requirements in the semester during which they receive the scholarship.

The maximum amount a student may receive is up to \$5,000. Priority will be given to student teaching applicants.

Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields

The <u>Student Teaching Scholarship for High-Need Fields</u> is available to students who will teach in a high-need field such as special education (any grade) or middle or high school-level math and participate in student teaching as part of their degree requirements in the semester during which they receive the scholarship.

The maximum amount a student may receive is up to \$4,000.

For questions about state financial aid programs, contact the financial aid support center at (888) 528-4719 or awards@che.in.gov.

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About the Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Created in 1971, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education plans, coordinates, and defines Indiana's postsecondary education system to align higher learning with the needs of students and the state. The Commission also administers Indiana's financial aid programs, including the <u>21st Century Scholars</u> early college promise scholarship, which celebrated 30 years in 2020.